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BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION

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<u>ORDER</u>

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COMMISSIONERS

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SUSAN BITTER SMITH - Chairman

CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY.

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF MAIN STREET TELEPHONE COMPANY FOR

APPROVAL TO CANCEL ITS CERTIFICATE OF

BY THE COMMISSION:

Having considered the entire record herein and being fully advised in the premises, the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") finds, concludes, and orders that:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. In Decision No. 63907 (August 6, 2001), the Commission granted Main Street Telephone Company ("Main Street" or the "Company") a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity ("CC&N") to provide competitive resold interexchange telecommunication services in Arizona.
- 2. On December 23, 2011, Main Street filed an application with the Commission requesting approval to cancel its CC&N to provide competitive resold interexchange telecommunication services in Arizona. Main Street's application stated that the Company has no customers in Arizona and that the Company no longer intends to retain its authority to provide competitive resold interexchange telecommunication services in Arizona.
- 3. On January 20, 2012, Main Street filed its responses to the Commission's Utilities Division ("Staff") First Set of Data Requests. The Company's responses state that its operations abruptly ceased on June 17, 2011; the termination of service by Main Street's billing company left Main Street without the financial ability to incur the expense of publication as required in A.A.C.

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R14-2-1107; that the Company requests waiver of the publication requirements set forth in A.A.C. R14-2-1107; that Main Street did not collect deposits or advance payments from customers in Arizona; and that Mr. Patrick D. Crocker is authorized by the Company to file the application.

- On June 5, 2015, Staff filed a Memorandum in response to Main Street's application to cancel its CC&N, stating that no complaints have been filed against Main Street from January 1, 2009 through April 10, 2015; the Commission's Corporations Division reports that Main Street's registration was revoked for its failure to file an Annual Report in 2011; that the Company no longer provides resold long distance in Arizona; and that the Company never collected deposits, advances or prepayments from Arizona customers. Staff recommends approval of the Company's application to cancel its CC&N; waiver of publication requirements set forth in A.A.C. R14-2-1107; and that upon cancellation of Main Street's CC&N, the Company will no longer be subject to the requirements set forth in Decision No. 63907.
- 5. A.A.C. R14-2-1107 requires a telecommunications company providing competitive telecommunication service in Arizona to file an application for authorization with the Commission before it discontinues service. The rule also requires the telecommunications company to verify that its affected customers have been notified of the proposed discontinuance of service, to plan for the refund of any deposits collected, to file with the Commission a list of alternate utilities providing the same or similar service within the affected geographic area, and to publish legal notice of the application to discontinue service in all counties affected by the application. In Decision No. 67404 (November 2, 2004) the Commission stated that it would render A.A.C. R14-2-1107 meaningless and would run afoul of the rule's intent and plain language to exempt an Applicant from the requirements of the rule simply because it is no longer providing service in Arizona. Further, Decision No. 67404 states that the rule is intended to ensure that existing customers receive advance notice of a telecommunication provider's pending plan to discontinue service so that they may have the opportunity to procure service through an alternate provider before discontinuing service. Here, Main Street has requested waiver of the publication of legal notice requirements set forth in A.A.C. R14-2-1107(B). Staff has confirmed that the Company discontinued its service in Arizona in 2011; has no remaining customers in Arizona; and did not collect prepayment, advances or deposits from Arizona

1 customers. Due to the passage of time since the Company discontinued its telecommunication service 2 in Arizona, legal notice of the application would serve no practical purpose as all of Main Street's 3 customers would have switched previously to alternate providers. 4 6. Staff's recommendations are reasonable and should be adopted. 5 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW** 6 1. Main Street Telephone Company is a public service corporation within the meaning of 7 Article XV of the Arizona Constitution and A.R.S. §§ 40-281 and 40-282. 8 2. The Commission has jurisdiction over Main Street Telephone Company and the subject matter of the application. 10 3. The cancellation of Main Street Telephone Company's CC&N to provide competitive 11 resold interexchange telecommunication services in Arizona is in the public interest. 12 4. Main Street Telephone Company should be granted a waiver of the requirements set 13 forth in A.A.C. R14-2-1107(B). 14 5. Staff's recommendations are reasonable and should be adopted. 15 **ORDER** 16 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Main Street Telephone Company's application for 17 approval to cancel its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to provide competitive resold 18 interexchange telecommunication services in Arizona, is hereby approved. 19 . . . 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Main Street Telephone Company is hereby granted a waiver of the notice requirements set forth in A.A.C. R14-2-1107(B). IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Decision shall become effective immediately. BY ORDER OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, JODI JERICH, Executive Director of the Arizona Corporation Commission, have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the Commission to be affixed at the Capitol, in the City of Phoenix, day of JODI JERICA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DISSENT DISSENT YK:tv(ru)

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